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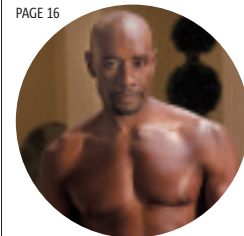
# MTA seeks to slash coming fare hikes

**Wallet relief.** The MTA said on Wednesday that it wants to reduce two upcoming fare hikes by almost half.

**Mixed reaction.** Transit groups applauded the decision while the MTA's main union blasted the move. PAGE 02

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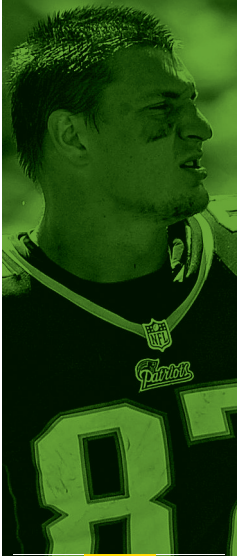


Stacey Cornelius is one of the success stories of the Red Hook Community Justice Center. The group was built out of a neighborhood tragedy. / BESS ADLER, METRO



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Steve Zito, owner of Smiling Pizza in Park Slope, on regular customer Bill de Blasio



The proposed reduction would cut coming fare hikes in 2015 and 2017. / GETTY IMAGES

# MTA proposes a fare hike reduction

**Cut.** The MTA may reduce planned fare hikes by nearly half.

Straphangers may get some financial relief from the MTA in the form of reduced fare hikes.

The MTA originally planned a 7.5 percent fare hike in both 2015 and 2017. At those rates, a single ride on the subway would cost \$3 in four years and \$3.75 in just 10 years, according to an analysis at the Independent Budget Office.

But because of cost-cutting and increased income, the authority can reduce the hikes to 4

percent, according to the 2014-2017 financial plan presented to the MTA board Wednesday.

The dollar amount of the fare hike is yet to be determined, but this means increasing fare revenue by 2 percent in 2015 and 2017.

Applauding the proposal, the Straphanger's Campaign cautioned against fare hikes.

"For many New Yorkers, the planned transit fares were just too damn high," the campaign said.

MTA head Thomas Prendergast said the proposal shows the authority was "succeeding" in lessening its customers' financial burden.

### Breakdown

The MTA proposed reducing the fare hike from 7.5 percent to 4 percent.

- At the old rate, a single ride on the subway would cost \$3 in four years and \$3.75 in just 10 years.
- Under the new rates, the MTA would increase fare revenue by 2 percent in 2015 and 2017.
- How much MetroCard prices would increase under the new rate is yet to be determined.

Still, the MTA's budget projections and reduced fare hikes are contingent on a deal with the Transport Workers Union Local 100. A deal would mean no increased wages for workers.

John Samuelson, the union's president, said that the MTA had enough revenue to "pay a decent raise to its workers" and forgo any fare increases.

"Both the workers and the riders deserve better," Samuelson said.

The MTA board will vote on the proposal in December.

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### Fare reduction?



"Less is better than more, but I would be pleased if they kept it the same frankly."

Jessica DeCoux, 41, Union Square



"Who doesn't want to save money? They make so much money already; there is no reason why they should take even more money."

Vincent M. Agosto, 25, Borough Park



"No fare hike at all until they make changes to these trains. They need to fix it first."

Esther Grant, 52, Brooklyn

# Memorial to be held for Lou Reed



Lou Reed died on Oct. 27 from liver transplant complications. / GETTY IMAGES

New Yorkers mourning the loss of music great Lou Reed can come together to remember him on Thursday afternoon.

Reed was the singer-songwriter for the seminal band the Velvet Underground, and went on to a successful solo career with hits like "Walk on the Wild Side."

According to a post on the musician's official Facebook page,

### Tribute to icon

"Just Lou's voice, guitar music & songs — playing the recordings selected by his family and friends."

The post on Lou Reed's Facebook reads

"New York: Lou Reed at Lincoln Center" will be a "gathering open to

the public." The post claims there will be no speeches and no live performances.

"Just Lou's voice, guitar music & songs — playing the recordings selected by his family and friends," the post reads.

Attendees are invited to gather at the Paul Milstein Pool and Terrace at Lincoln Center from 1-4 p.m. today.

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# Red Hook court helped turn around devastated community

**Effective.** The Dept. of Justice released a report lauding the Red Hook Community Justice Center as a national model.

In 1990, LIFE magazine declared Red Hook, Brooklyn, "crack capital of America."

Now, it is home to the Red Hook Community Justice Center, an innovative justice system so successful the Department of Justice released a report this week urging other cities in the country to follow its lead.

The center grew from a tragic community loss. In 1992, a beloved local school principal was shot when he stepped out of the school to look for a missing student.

The center is a movement of sorts, led by a single judge, Alex Calabrese.



Stacey Cornelius said the Red Hook Community Justice Center changed her life. / ESS ADLER, METRO

## Road to success

"We can set them up, we can put them down the road, but they're the ones that have to do the work. And many times they can do the work, and they can be successful."

Judge Alex Calabrese

Calabrese hears cases, assists NYCHA residents with repairs and helps move troubled Red Hook residents toward solutions rather than incarceration.

"Whatever happens in court can make a difference," Calabrese said. "But

they're doing the work. We're giving them the path."

Stacey Cornelius is one of their success cases. She came to the center in 2008 because of substance abuse issues and has been clean ever since. They set her up with one of their community partners, the Counseling Service of Eastern District New York.

Cornelius recalled how when she told her counselor that her mother had died, her counselor immediately came to her.

She praised Cornelius for not using drugs at a vulnerable moment.

"I never got high," Cornelius said. "And she said, 'When your mother died, you could have got high again. It's good that you didn't get high.'"



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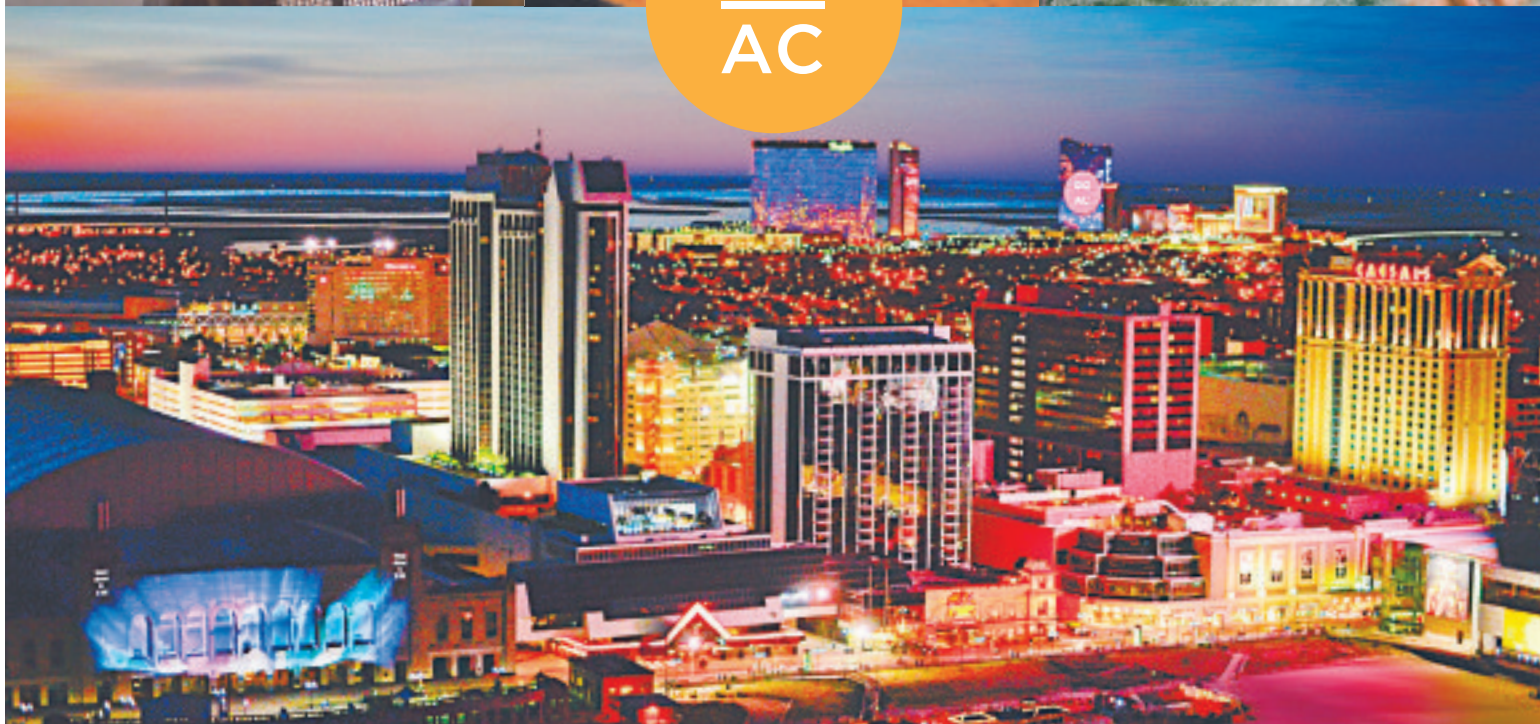


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## Forward. Advocates release blueprint for childhood education

Mayor-Elect Bill de Blasio would begin rolling out his signature proposal — full-day, universal pre-kindergarten — during his first term under a transition plan released Wednesday by the Campaign for Children.

De Blasio pledged to fund pre-kindergarten for all 4-year-olds and early childhood education programs with a tax increase on New Yorkers earning more than \$500,000 a year.

The coalition of more than 150 advocacy and provider organizations praised the mayor-elect's proposal, but advised de Blasio to focus on other, short-term goals.

"As we work to implement universal pre-K and expand after-school programs, we also need to expand early childhood education for children under age four and after-school programs for elementary, middle and

**Looking ahead**

In the plan, by the end of his first year, de Blasio would:

- Ensure all eligible children under five have subsidized childcare.
- Ensure older children can also to use affordable programs.
- Create the Office of Early Childhood.

high school students," Jennifer March, head of the Citizens' Committee for Children, said.

The transition plan calls for de Blasio to "immediately" baseline some \$150 million in one-year funds for childcare systems to avoid budget negotiations with City Council next summer.

ANNA SANDERS



## 4 World Trade Center opens doors

Twelve years after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, 4 World Trade Center opened at the site of the World Trade Center Wednesday. The lobby design is intended to integrate the 9/11 Memorial by offering panoramic views of the site. The building, designed by architect Fumihiko Maki, is across from the memorial's south reflecting pool. The building features waterfalls and trees. It was designed to play a role in the redevelopment of Lower Manhattan.

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### Big blaze

#### Four-alarm fire tears through building

A four-alarm fire tore through four floors of a Queens apartment

building Tuesday night, leaving 11 people hurt and dozens homeless.

The fire broke out on the third floor of the seven-story Kew Gardens building just after 7 p.m. and quickly spread

to the fourth, fifth and sixth floors, according to the fire department.

Firefighters had the blaze under control by 9:15 p.m.

Eight firefighters and three civilians were taken

to Jamaica Hospital or North Shore Hospital with minor injuries, the fire department said.

The Red Cross was on the scene, assisting the building's displaced residents. ANNA SANDERS

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# Advocates hail taxi medallion auction

## Access for all.

More cabs that are wheelchair-friendly will soon be here.

Getting around town isn't easy for Edith Prentiss: She uses a power wheelchair to get around, and most subway stations and taxis aren't wheelchair-accessible. Prentiss is chair of the Taxis For All Campaign, a disability rights coalition calling for a wheelchair accessible taxi fleet.

"I've waited for up to half an hour and then given up," Prentiss said.

At last count, there were just 233 wheelchair accessible yellow taxis, or less than 2 percent of the total fleet. But the odds will soon improve for Prentiss. The city is adding 200 more accessible cabs to its fleet of more than 13,000 yellow taxis.

On Thursday, the New York City Taxi & Limousine Commission will auction off 200 taxi medallions, the metal plates that authorize yellow cabs to drive in New York City. All the medallions are for accessible vehicles.

For now, Prentiss of the Taxis For All Campaign is hearted by Thursday's medallion auction, which will nearly double the number of accessible yellow taxis on the road.

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Less than 2 percent of the New York City taxi fleet is wheelchair-accessible / GETTY IMAGES



Edith Prentiss said that it's hard for her to hail taxis. / EDITH PRENTISS

## Too long of a wait

**"Just put the damn cars on the street and we'll be happy campers."**

Edith Prentiss

## Analysis

### No more medallions

Not everyone agrees that taxi medallion auctions are a good thing.

"The streets are flooded enough," said Bhairavi Desai, executive director of the New York Taxi Workers

Alliance.

Desai's concerns about the auction are not unfounded, said Graham Hodges, a professor at Colgate University and author of *Taxi! A Cultural History of the New York City Cabdriver*.

"It creates a lot of

excessive competition," said Hodges of the medallion auctions.

An auction isn't the only way to get more accessible taxis on the street. For example, Desai said some owners have opted to drive accessible vehicles of their own volition.

# Yellow Dogs talk death of bandmates

Surviving members of the exiled Iranian rock band The Yellow Dogs said on Wednesday they were "blinded with rage and paralyzed with grief" over the fatal shooting of two of their bandmates in New York City.

In their first extensive comments since the attack Sunday night, Koory Mirzeai and Siavash Karampour, the Yellow Dogs' bassist and singer, said in a statement they had not seen killer Ali

## Deadly rampage

**3**

The shooter killed three people who lived in the house.

Rafie in more than a year before his shooting spree.

Police said Rafie fatally shot the band's drummer and guitarist, along with a third musician living in their house, before taking his own life. He also wounded another

man in the house and unsuccessfully tried to shoot a former member of another band.

"Three days later, we're still here, still breathing, but with a gaping hole in our hearts," Mirzeai and Karampour, who were both working bar jobs that night, said. "These are the darkest hours of our lives, we are in shock, awe, blinded with rage and paralyzed with grief." **REUTERS**



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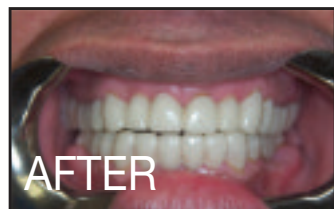


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# Health site is on the mend, says tech chief

**Speed.** The site is faster and can now register about 17,000 people per hour in plans, Park said.

Top government technology officials told an acrimonious congressional hearing on Wednesday that they expected the website at the center of President Barack Obama's signature health care law to be working smoothly by the end of the month as planned.

The Obama administration is grappling with ways to help millions of Americans unable to sign up online and those who have lost health insurance in spite of the president's oft-repeated promise that people who liked their plans could keep them when the law took effect on Oct. 1.

In a sometimes confrontational hearing, Republican lawmakers accused the technology officials of not being candid about red flags that HealthCare.gov would not be ready to go



HealthCare.gov was supposed to be the main way of signing up for insurance. / GETTY IMAGES

### Quoted

**"We have much work still to do, but are making progress at a growing rate."**

Todd Park  
Chief technology officer at the White House

live on Oct. 1.

There is growing pressure from Republicans—and even Democrats—for legislation that would let Americans keep existing plans, even if the policies do not comply with higher standards set in the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. **REUTERS**

### Health care law

## Democrats clamor for Obamacare fix this week

House Democrats, seething over the botched

startup of the health care law, are urging U.S. officials to swiftly help people whose existing insurance policies are being canceled due to Obamacare. Democrats are facing a

difficult House vote on Friday, when Republicans will hold a vote on a bill allowing people to keep their current health insurance plans if they like them. **REUTERS**

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Some health and labor experts are concerned that penalties may be unduly harsh, especially for low-wage workers and those who have health conditions beyond their control. / COLOURBOX

# How your company is watching your waistline

## Health care cost.

Next year, many companies also plan to penalize workers who use nicotine.

Companies are taking advantage of new rules under President Barack Obama's health-care overhaul in 2014 to punish smokers and overweight workers.

Some will even force employees to meet weight goals, quit smoking and provide very personal information or pay up to thousands more annually

for health care. That could disproportionately affect the poor, who are more likely to smoke and can't afford the higher fees.

That is almost twice as many as the last time they did the survey in 2011, when only 19 percent of companies had such penalties. The number is expected to climb to two-thirds of employers by 2015.

Employers are getting much more aggressive about punishing workers who are overweight or have high cholesterol. A study released on Wednesday by the Obesity Action Coalition, an advocacy group, covered workers at more than 5,000 compa-

## Quoted

# 40%

Nearly 40 percent of large U.S. companies will use surcharges in 2014, such as higher insurance premiums or deductibles for individuals who do not complete company-set health goals, according to a survey of 892 employers released in September by human resources consultancy Towers Watson and National Business Group on Health, which represents large employers.

nies who must participate in their employer wellness programs to receive full health benefits. Sixty-seven percent also had to meet a weight-related

health goal such as a certain body mass index.

Almost 60 percent of these workers received no coverage that paid for fitness training, dietitian counseling, obesity drugs or bariatric surgery to help achieve a body mass index under 25, which is considered healthy.

"Weight requirements are an effective way to make it harder for people with obesity to qualify for full health coverage," said Ted Kyle, the study's lead author and founder of ConscienHealth, a Pittsburgh-based company that advises other companies on obesity programs.

REUTERS

## New study

## Childhood trauma may contribute to teen weight problems

Children who have gone through trying times are more likely to be overweight by age 15, a new study suggests.

Stress in childhood has been associated with a greater risk of becoming overweight, although the link isn't always consistent from study to study, research-

ers said.

"I felt like I was seeing a lot of children who had experienced stress early in their lives later gain weight pretty rapidly," Dr. Julie Lumeng at the University of Michigan Medical School told Reuters Health.

"There has been quite a bit of research looking at stress in the lives of adults leading to weight gain, but it has not been studied as much in children," said Lumeng, who led the new study. **REUTERS**

## E-cigarettes. Doctors recommend device

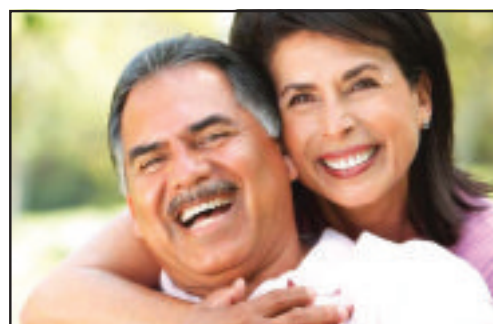
E-cigarettes are almost completely free of health risks, and could save millions of lives, agreed health experts at a London summit to discuss the effects of the device.

E-cigarettes — which work by users inhaling vaporized nicotine — have enjoyed a surge of popularity since they were introduced around the turn of the decade, with around 7 million users in Europe. Nations have moved to crack down, but a growing



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# Typhoon survivors loot, dig up water pipes

**Panic.** Some areas seemed to teeter near anarchy amid widespread looting.

Desperation gripped Philippine islands devastated by Typhoon Haiyan as looting turned deadly on Wednesday and survivors

panicked over shortages of food, water and medicine, some digging up underground water pipes and smashing them open.

Five days after one of the strongest storms ever recorded slammed into cities and towns in the central Philippines, anger and frustration boiled over on Wednesday as essential supplies dwindled.

## Quoted

**"The looting is not criminality. It is self-preservation."**

Tecson John Lim  
Tacloban city administrator

Controversy also emerged over the death toll. President Benigno Aquino said local officials

had overstated the loss of life, saying it was closer to 2,000 or 2,500 than the 10,000 previously estimated. His comments, however, drew skepticism from some aid workers.

Tacloban city administrator Tecson John Lim said 90 percent of the coastal city of 220,000 people had been destroyed. **REUTERS**



Residents stand next to a wall requesting aid. / GETTY IMAGES

## Hard to contact

### Filipino expats desperate to reach relatives after typhoon

In the midst of news that as many as 2,500 lives have been claimed by the violent typhoon that hit the Philippines Friday, countless heartbreaking pleas are emerging from people desperate to get in touch with loved ones to let them know they are alive — and in dire need of help.

Many Filipinos who migrated to the United States, like Nida Medeiros who lives in Assonet outside Boston, have been out of touch with their families since Typhoon Haiyan ravaged parts of the country, knocking out phone lines and electricity. Medeiros, 53, has been desperately calling her entire family living in the Philippines but hasn't been able to reach them.

Medeiros' 88-year-old mother, her nine siblings and all her nieces and nephews live in a village about four hours from the hard-hit Tacloban city. She was the only member of her family

to leave the Philippines when she came to the U.S. in 1990. She said she last spoke to her sister on Nov. 1 when she called to let her know she sent money, as she does each month — long before news that a typhoon was brewing.

"My heart is just aching for them being out there," Medeiros said. "I can't even send them a little bit of money to help them get something to eat."

Medeiros said her family in the Philippines depends on the money she has been sending them since she left. She fears her relatives may be among the typhoon victims who are desperate for food and clean water.

"I think maybe some of them might have gotten hurt, some not. I have a feeling the house is all gone," she said. Dozens of aid organizations and countries have already pledged support to the Philippines, though recent reports indicate the current situation is grim for survivors urgently in need of medical supplies and food.

CASSANDRA GARRISON

## Quoted

**"If they find a cell phone, they might be able to reach me or my husband, but it's just so hard. I am waiting and waiting, and it might take weeks."** Medeiros



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## Legalized. Hawaii's governor signs gay marriage bill into law

Hawaii became the 15th U.S. state to extend marriage rights to gay and lesbian couples on Wednesday, with the governor signing a bill legalizing same-sex matrimony a day after it won a final nod from lawmakers.

The measure, set to take effect on Dec. 2, rolls back a 1994 statute defining marriage as a union between a man and

a woman in the state long popular as a wedding and honeymoon destination.

The measure gained final approval from the Democratic-controlled Legislature with a 19-4 vote in the state Senate on Tuesday.

"Now all those who have been invisible will be visible to themselves and the world," said Gov. Neil Abercrombie. **REUTERS**

### Freak accident

## Child burned after gasoline on slide ignites

A two-year-old girl has been severely burned in suburban Atlanta in a freak accident after gasoline poured on an outdoor slide to make it

slicker ignited from static electricity, police said.

The toddler and her 4-year-old sister were playing on a swing set on Saturday when the gasoline was put on the slide, said Keith Brooks, chief deputy of the Walton County Sheriff's Office.

**REUTERS**

# Google gives first testimony before US Congress since the Edward Snowden leaks



NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden. / GETTY IMAGES

### Quoted

**"Governments have a duty to protect their citizens. The current lack of transparency about the nature of government surveillance in democratic countries, however, undermines the freedoms most citizens cherish."**

Richard Salgado Google's director for law enforcement and information security, said in the written testimony

**Terror.** The Obama administration has defended the programs to counter militant groups.

Search giant Google Inc., pushed the U.S. government to be more open about its online spying on Wednesday in the first such testimony before Congress by a major technology company since a series of news leaks began in June.

In written testimony submitted to a Senate judiciary subcommittee, a Google executive said that the official secrecy was contrary to American values and hurting U.S. economic interests.

Members of Congress

are grappling with what changes to make to surveillance programs and laws after documents leaked by Edward Snowden to newspapers revealed the extent of the spying.

Some lawmakers have said they did not intend to authorize programs that are so sweeping, such as the daily collection of millions of pieces of data about telephone calls. At the request of spy agencies and government lawyers, the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which oversees the programs, has allowed them to go on.

Google, Microsoft Corp., and other major tech companies have asked that they be allowed to provide the public greater detail on the orders they receive from the U.S. surveillance court.

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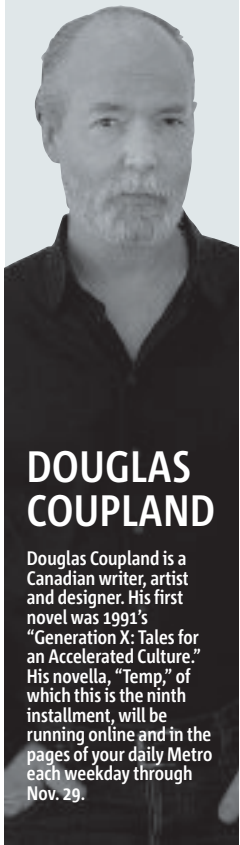
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## DOUGLAS COUPLAND

Douglas Coupland is a Canadian writer, artist and designer. His first novel was 1991's "Generation X: Tales for an Accelerated Culture." His novella, "Temp," of which this is the ninth installment, will be running online and in the pages of your daily Metro each weekday through Nov. 29.

# Day 9: Temp not eligible for trauma disability pay

"Good afternoon. Taylor, Wagner & Kimura Filter Systems, a proud patriotic company since 1899. I'm sorry, Mr. Taylor isn't here right now. Is there a message?"

You'd think, after a big glamorous shoot-out, we'd all get the day off, but no. I, the disposable temp, was forced to man the front desk while everyone else went home to Google grief counselors so they could file PTSD disability claims.

Even still, it was an hour before the bomb sweep finished and we got the OK to go in.

The Danimal returned me to desk duty with brazen emotional manipulation.

"Sorry, Shannon. You have to be the strong one

here today."

This meant me brushing off press inquiries and telling freaked-out loved ones everything was OK, which actually gets dull very quickly. The lines died down by 4 p.m., so I went online to look at Shoe-man's specialty website: Undeadbutnotunmown.com — nothing but screen snaps of well-mown lawns appearing in the backgrounds of zombie apocalypse movies. He is so deep.

At 4:15 p.m. the door opened and I looked up — it was Kyle, dressed from head to toe in oil-refinery gear. "Guess where I just got hired!"

"Kyle, you look like a Village Person. And thanks for being relieved I'm alive."

"Of course I care. The shoot-out — it's all over the radio. What happened?"



Zombies always love a well-manicured lawn. / AMC

"Just after lunch, Kevin went nuts and holed himself up in the warehouse threatening to shoot himself. You know why."

"What then?"  
"Then there were maybe 50 shots fired and everyone thought he was dead, but then he wheeled this creepy scarecrow effigy out the doors — and

walked out with his hands on top of his head."

"Did they arrest him?"  
"I don't know. Is threatening to kill yourself a crime?"

"I wonder. And what does a guy like Kevin do in jail all day — shop for boats online?"

"Kevin is now officially declassified."

"Declassified?"

"Declassified. Like me. No longer a part of the class spectrum, with no hope of reentering. Not poor, not middle class, not blue collar or white collar. Blank collar — spending the rest of his life shopping in jail."

This was when Sarah No. 1, who'd been gone all day, magically appeared at the front door wearing slutty heels and a pushup bra. "Hello, Shannon. Oh, hello, Kyle."

"Ummmm ..." Kyle was stung-gunned by Sarah No. 1's getup.

I was sitting behind him and I mouthed the words "cradle robber" to Sarah.

She winked at me. "Kyle, can you help me with my car? It won't start."

Shameless. Just shameless. They left for the parking lot.

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## Talking points

## Cyrus' joint gets her in trouble

Miley Cyrus' latest awards show stunt — lighting up what appeared to be a joint onstage at the MTV European Music Awards — might turn out to be more trouble than it was worth. Authorities in Amsterdam are reportedly investigating the incident, according to Agence France-Presse, since the venue where the show was held has a strict no-smoking policy.

## 'Fifty Shades' movie release pushed back

Fans waiting for the film version of "Fifty Shades of Grey" will have to wait a bit longer, as Universal Pictures and Focus Features have announced they've moved the movie's release date from Aug. 1, 2014, to Feb. 13, 2015. Production on the film was delayed when Charlie Hunnam, cast to play Christian Grey, dropped out just weeks before filming was to begin.



No smoking, Miley Cyrus!  
GETTY IMAGES

## Nicolas Cage sex photos stolen



1998



2013

In a news item that gives me a feeling of nostalgia, there are apparently lots of photos floating around of Nicolas Cage partaking in sexy time. That's right — photographs, and not the digital kind. Ah, those were the days.

The photos were stolen from the house of his '90s-era ex Christina Fulton, by a handy-

man, per TMZ. The guy stole four computers along with a box of the pictures, which have not been recovered.

The good news? If we do our math right, the photos are probably from around 1998, meaning pictures of hot Cage and not his current incarnation, which is crazy Cage.



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## Back on Instagram

I am contractually obligated under law as your gossip columnist to show you photos of baby North West, so here is the latest of the little nugget taken by Mom Kim Kardashian on Tuesday and shared on her Instagram account. Behold! The cuteness! The blurriness! Um, can someone teach Kardashian how to focus?



Plans to promote Efron's upcoming film have been postponed while his broken jaw is wired. / GETTY IMAGES

## Zac Efron hurts his pretty face

Zac Efron, I'm now officially concerned about

you. After going to rehab twice this year for drug addiction, you've now allegedly "slipped" in a "puddle of water" and broken that handsome jaw of yours.

Per numerous reports,

the actor not only broke his jaw after slipping and falling at the entrance to his Los Angeles-area home over the weekend, but he also sustained a gash that required stitches. Plans to promote his upcoming film, "That

Awkward Moment," have been postponed while he undergoes recovery, which reportedly included having his jaw wired shut.

A wired jaw and stitches? That must have been some puddle of water.

## THE WORD

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It's been 14 years since Morris Chestnut starred in "The Best Man," in which his character was about to marry his sweetheart (Monica Calhoun). Now he's reuniting with Taye Diggs, Terrence Howard, Harold Perrineau and writer-director Malcolm D. Lee for a long-awaited sequel, "The Best Man Holiday." But first, he needed to take a trip down memory lane.

**So, 14 years later. How much does that mess with your head?**

You know, it doesn't really mess with my head. We know it's been a long time, and we've seen each other throughout the years. Some of us have hung out, some of us haven't. I'm just proud that the studio feels either the content of the movie or the title of the movie or the actors in the movie are still relevant to where they think that [the new film] can make some money.

**When you reunite with the cast members you**

# MORRIS CHESTNUT

With the sequel "The Best Man Holiday," it wasn't too hard for the actor to get back in the habit.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

**haven't seen in a while, is it sort of a reality check about aging?**

You know, the great thing that Malcolm did was, a week before we started filming, we all watched the original together. That brought me back to some places emotionally, and even brought up some things about my character that I didn't remember. Whenever I see a movie of mine on TV, I don't watch it; I hurry to change the channel. Sitting there watching that movie

from beginning to end, it just brought back a lot of different things. When we started filming I was like, "Do you want me to wear a wig? What do you want me to do? Because the characters had hair last time, and now Taye and I don't have hair."

**The characters have all done quite well for themselves.**

To be honest, I think that was what was so interesting and refreshing about the first one. It was the first movie of its kind

where you really see black professionals. You had Jordan, Nia Long's character, who was a big-time TV executive. You had Harper, Taye's character, who was a writer — an intellectual job. You have those types of images that I think people wanted to see. You had your films like "Boyz n the Hood," "New Jack City," where you're showing street life and drug life and all that. But seeing positive images on screen, I think that's what was refreshing about the first one.

### Sequelitis

### More of the same?

**Do you think there will be another 'Kick-Ass' movie?**  
Ah, man. I don't think so, I don't think so. I think after that one, they're done with those for right now, unfortunately.



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## TV Watch list

## DRAMA

## 'Parenthood'

If you're not already watching "Parenthood," we have one question: why not? It never fails to draw a tear — these writers have a knack for tugging at the old heart strings. Tonight, Julia receives upsetting news from Victor's school. Break out the Kleenex, people. **10 P.M., NBC**

## COMPETITION

## 'Project Runway All-Stars'

Tonight, the designers create fashion from elementary school items, which brings a whole new meaning to the words "schoolgirl outfit," we guess. (We bet these people can do some crazy things with chalk and glue sticks.) **10 P.M., LIFE**  
**ALEXANDRA CAVALLO**



**NO, SERIOUSLY,  
BIG ANG IS CRAZY.**  
PIOTR SIKORA/VH1

## REALITY

## 'Miami Monkey'

Aw shucks, this season's already over? No, we actually love this show! Big Ang is crazy. Big Ang is crazy looking. And Big Ang is crazy entertaining. Tonight, Ang and the gang throw a party at the bar. We're guessing it ends in nudity, black-out intoxication and at least one good cat fight. **SEASON FINALE, 10 P.M., VH1**

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# Sequels and old timers

**Movies.** Here is what's coming (or already at) your local cinema.

**2 'Nebraska'**  
After stints in wine country ("Sideways") and Hawaii ("The Descendants"), Alexander Payne returns to the Midwest. Comic actors Will Forte and Bob Odenkirk play brothers, but it's only sort of a comedy, following the former as he hits the road with his cranky, alkie father (Bruce Dern).

**3 'Charlie Countryman'**  
Before he goes porn for Lars Von Trier with "Nymphomaniac," Shia LaBeouf goes simply dark

## The big draw

**1 'Best Man Holiday'**  
It only took 14 years, but "The Best Man" — the 1999 dramedy about four friends dealing with marriage and other issues — gets its catch-up sequel, with the likes of Morris Chestnut, Terrence Howard and Nia Long back on board.

and messed-up for this keyed-up drama, playing an American who foolishly falls for the girlfriend (Evan Rachel Wood) of a Eurotrash mafia man (Mads Mikkelsen).

**4 '12-12-12'**  
The mega-concert staged to raise funds for

Hurricane Sandy relief gets repurposed as a moving documentary, with Bruce Springsteen, Kanye and a whole mess of old Brits hitting Madison Square Garden to play the hits.

**5 'Sunlight Jr.'**  
Naomi Watts and Matt Dillon dirty themselves up to play Florida residents living below the poverty line, as a convenience store clerk and an unemployed paraplegic who unexpectedly find themselves expecting.

**6 'The Great Beauty'**  
After a stint in America with Sean Penn in "This Must Be the Place," Italian director Paolo Sorrentino goes home to hang with an aging writer (Toni Servillo) who won't pack it in.



The men of "The Best Man" reunite for its 14-years-later sequel. / MICHAEL GIBSON

**7 'Long Island Railroad Massacre'**  
A 20-year-old tragedy — in which a man wandered down a crowded LIRR train with a gun, killing six and wounding 19 — gets profiled in this new documentary.

**8 'Thor: The Dark World'**  
Now that he has that "Avengers" business taken care of, Chris Hemsworth's

alpha-male god tries to reconnect with his former flame (Natalie Portman), all while fighting off a batch of genocidal elves. Remember when only geeks got excited for this stuff?

**9 'Dallas Buyers Club'**  
The Matthew McConaughey Comeback Tour continues with him playing a Texas homophobe who got AIDS in the '80s

and started a black market company to sell drugs.

**10 'Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa'**  
Johnny Knoxville gives his geriatric "Jackass" character Irving Zisman his own movie, plus a grandson (Jackson Nicoll) with whom he tours America.



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# Why so serious?

**Interview.** In "Nebraska," Will Forte goes for a more dramatic form of funny.

Will Forte still can't believe he's in "Nebraska." A comic actor known for his long stint on "Saturday Night Live," he found himself in the latest dramedy from Alexander Payne, known for "Sideways" and "The Descendants." Forte plays the son of an old cranky alcoholic (Bruce Dern), whom he accompanies on a foolish road trip through the Midwest.

**What did Alexander Payne say to you when he**

**picked you for the role?** He didn't come to me. My agent sent me the script. I don't think he'd ever heard of me. After I got the part I think he realized that he had maybe seen me on "30 Rock" without knowing that was me. Of course, on that I'm dressed up as a woman most of the time.

**Dern seems intimidating — not him, per se, but the thought of acting with a legend. How did you get over that?** We just hung out. We had to spend time together, because we're together so much in the script. We'd spend the whole day filming, then we'd hang out after work, too. We became very close. What you see happening in the



Will Forte plays a man on a road trip with his old man in "Nebraska." / GETTY IMAGES

movie was happening to us in real life.

**Are you consciously searching for more dramatic roles?** I don't know. I didn't plan on doing this one. It just sort of happened. I feel like not developing any kind of career strategy [laughs], that might be best. It worked out in this case, so why start planning now?



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## Old friends

### What about Bob?

Forte's brother is played by Bob Odenkirk, who directed him in "The Brothers Solomon." "On [that film] he had to do a million things," Forte recalls. "But he was the only person I'd known from this movie before doing this. It was good to have a buddy there."

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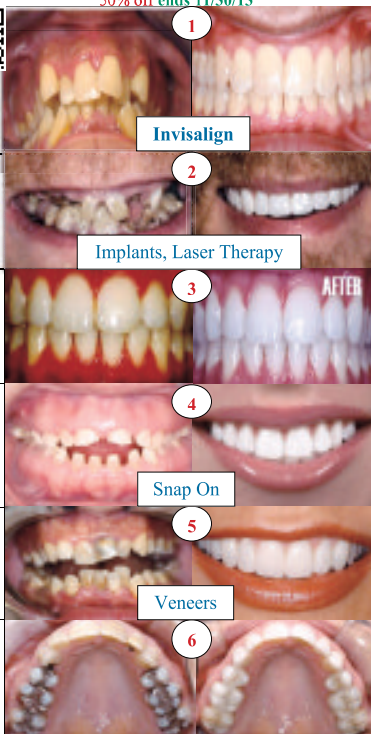
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Rick Ross is a big presence onstage, but for his upcoming dates he'll have to share the stage with a full band, 1500 or Nothin'. / PROVIDED

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# RICK ROSS

"The Boss" is back for a sixth album and a tour with a very big band.

## PLAYING 'NO GAMES'

Since 2006, Rick Ross has been instrumental in bringing attention to rappers like Wale, Omarion and Meek Mill with his Maybach Music Group. But for his next album, "Mastermind," due out Dec. 17, Ross will be instrumental in bringing something different to his own tracks: instruments.

"We've been in the studio with Jay Z over the summer," Ross says. "The studio conversation that came up was it was most definitely time to end the two tracks."

By "two tracks" he means laying one vocal track over another track

of prerecorded beats. For "Mastermind," he's increased the number of tracks by 1,500. Well, sort of. His backing band, dubbed 1500 or Nothin', is a collective of producers, players and artists who have worked with some of hip-hop's heaviest hitters (see sidebar, right).

Why the sudden change for the Miami rapper?

"On my first five albums, I pretty much stayed away from the live element," Ross says. "I kept it gritty, I kept it dirty, I kept it street. It's time for that next level."

Though 1500 or Nothin' do not appear on "No

Games," the lead-off single from "Mastermind," they are coming on tour with him.

"It's most definitely a lot more work, most definitely a lot more time," Ross says of working with so many musicians, "but it's something I feel my fans deserve."

He says having a band backing him has changed his perspective on the live experience. "I'm in between the crowd and the band," he says. "It's a feeling I can't wait for."

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### Damage control

#### The Boss says sorry

Ross has had his share of drama. He's been in the middle of lawsuits, arrests and beatdowns, and he was possibly the target of a drive-by shooting in Florida earlier this year. As his profile has risen, so has attention to his rhymes. In the spring, he made a reference to date rape on

a track. A furor ensued and he was dropped as a spokesman for Reebok.

Ross was apologetic after the flare-up.

"To the young men who listen to my music, please know that using a substance to rob a woman of her right to make a choice is not only a crime, it's wrong and I do not encourage it," the rapper said in a statement.

### Behind the band

#### 1500 or Nothin' are everything

Rick Ross says he traveled more than 1,500 miles to find his new live backing band, appropriately named 1500 or Nothin'.

"I was looking for a band pretty much over the last year," Ross says. "I had been looking, of course, in Miami, and in New Orleans I saw a lot of great talent, but the best was this band."

The L.A.-based 1500 or Nothin' include keyboard-

ists Larrance Dopson and Lamar "Mars" Edward, guitarist Charles "Uncle Chucc" Hamilton, drummer Brody Brown and songwriting ace James Fauntleroy. The members have worked with Jay Z, Kanye West, Snoop Dogg, Keisha Cole, Chris Brown and Justin Timberlake.

The 1500 or Nothin' lineup will expand from eight to 12 players for the live shows, Ross says.

"Not only is it the music," he says. "It's about the mood."

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Damian Bright performs his solo for "Disabled Theater." / IAN DOUGLAS

"Disabled Theater" is a profound statement of ability. French choreographer Jerome Bel has created a simple framework that presents a strong sense of the individual and community via Theater HORA, a Zurich-based company of performers with various levels of learning difficulties. This U.S. debut has been co-presented by Performa 13 and runs through Nov. 17 at New York Live Arts.

Ten chairs, 10 water bottles and 10 performers are arranged in a semi-circle facing the audience. The men and women on stage introduce themselves in silence, through translation (from Swiss German

to English) or in striking movement creations that resound with frustration, passion and spirit. We learn their ages, names, professions and handicaps. Their unfiltered behavior is displayed through speech, stance, eye contact, mannerism and, ultimately, through physicality.

There is a cultivation of confidence, freedom and release as a "dance contest" unfolds. Six out of the 10 seated take center stage, charged with choreographing a solo to a song of their choice. In a particularly fueled moment, Julia Hausermann dons a single leather glove as Michael Jackson's "They Don't Care About Us"

inspires a collection of marching, head-banging, pelvis-pounding and wild spinning motions conveying both heart and fire.

Noted internationally for his work as a philosopher and humanist, Bel has devised an experience that requires total release of preconception. In a moment of reflection before the other four soloists have their moments in the spotlight, Bel asks them, "What do you think about this work?" We have to agree with their answers: "Disabled Theater" is both "special" and "super."

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# ISABEL MARANT

The designer's much-anticipated Parisian chic collection for H&M hits stores.

## 'PERSONALITY IS THE ULTIMATE ACCESSORY'

More than any other designer, Isabel Marant has managed to export that hard-to-put-your-finger-on, relaxed brand of Parisian chic to the rest of the world. Her slouchy aesthetic goes even more global today as her collaboration with H&M, the clothing giant's ninth guest-designed collection, hits stores. We met the fashion icon at the Westin hotel in Paris to talk about the collection, her personal style and whether a men's line is in her future.

**How did you approach this collection? It seems that most designers choose to create more affordable versions of their greatest hits.** When H&M contacted me and asked if I would like to collaborate I felt it was a great honor. I

### Her aesthetic

**What's the key to your slightly grungy take on Parisian-chic?**

All you need is nonchalance. Parisian-chic is about perfect imperfection, something a little deviant. You look good, but you don't pay too much attention or spend hours in front of the mirror. I think the improper, slap-dash look is absolutely the sexiest and most charming look anyone can have.

didn't know then what they wanted but I knew almost immediately that I wanted to create a collection with all my favorite garments. You know, the clothes you always pack, the ones you would kill yourself over if they disappeared.

**How was it designing menswear, as this was your first attempt at it?**

It wasn't difficult to create a men's collection for H&M, but it was a challenge. It was easy to create garment by garment, as I often use masculine elements in my female collections, but the hard part was to paint the big picture. I don't care for men who are too fashion-conscious, so it was difficult to find a balance. It mustn't look to be too much. But despite the fact that I'm very satisfied with the result, I don't think it will be a permanent fixture in my design. But you should never say "never."

**There are plenty of basics in your collection — what are your personal wardrobe musts?**

The trouser is my absolute favorite garment, as well as a well-fitted T-shirt. Basic garments are the end-all-be-all to me, but I don't have any direct advice on how to style my clothes because I encourage a personal interpretation. It's all about the blend, and I love when I see people mix my garments with others, old and new, feminine and masculine, creating their own identity through them. Personality is the ultimate accessory for me. If you have that, you have everything. C'est tout!

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**"All you need is nonchalance. Parisian chic is about perfect imperfection, something a little deviant."** Designer Isabel Marant on nailing the French look



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He loves his children, but his relationship with his wife is suffering —  
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# HELP, MY MARRIAGE IS NOW A 'PSEUDO-FRIENDSHIP'

I'm a 36-year-old man, married eight years to a woman who is basically the Belgian version of me. We have two girls who are 4 and 7. Our youngest child has special needs. I love my children, but my wife and I simply tolerate each other because of our shared interests and, of course, the kids. We never have sex and our relationship has devolved into a pseudo-friendship. We have talked about getting things on track, but there never seem to be any results. I would really appreciate any advice you might have with this situation.

If you want to keep your current relationship or are seeking a new one, please understand you will screw it up. Repeatedly. Without meaning to, you will say things to hurt your partner. You will be inconsiderate. You may even grow bored in the long run.

Maintaining a good relationship is less about getting everything right and more about realizing that you and your partner are both perfectly flawed human beings. Sometimes a little advice goes a long way.

You understand the situation at hand, and you gave no indication that you want out. It sounds like you feel restless and trapped by your wife, and want to be heard, validated, excited and get laid on a regular basis. This is my advice:

### Open up

## Don't be afraid of your differences and be ready to talk them out

Seeing someone as a copy of yourself is an attempt to dodge challenges. You avoid each other's vulnerabilities because neither wants the confrontation. This ultimately stunts your growth as an individual and partner. Learning to value your differences — and getting them out in the open — is a step in the right direction.

## Look at your conversations

To speak is to take action. Be mindful about who initiates your discussions about how things are going. Who speaks loudest or the most? Are both parties listening? Do either of you see progress? Be purposeful.

## Define concrete terms

Don't passively talk about "getting things on track." Explain what "better" looks like to you: at least X days of one-on-one time without the children, and sex Y times a month. When I moved out of a Manhattan studio,

I didn't want a better apartment — I wanted a one-bedroom place with a dining area for parties. Apply this same level of specificity and focus when expressing how you need to be loved.

## Get to know your partner before having children

If you've been married eight years and the oldest child is 7, it is possible the two of you were together less than a year before getting pregnant. While this is not independently problematic, kids make it very difficult to leave — so think hard first.

## Commit to change

If it's over for you, don't drag your partner through indecision. Want out? To end your relationship, say when and why you are leaving. Alternately, if you wish to keep and strengthen what you have, voice your concerns, listen to your partner's needs, show up, seek counseling or do whatever else it takes to make things better in the short term. Check in and reevaluate as time goes on.

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## Profile pictures: Be honest

Group shots are irritating to people looking to meet you. Tinder means selling yourself, not your friends — so your first image should be a headshot and nothing too distorted and artsy. No ab shots, guys — this isn't the cover of Men's Health. Remember: People are flicking through photos at a rate worthy of RSI (repetitive strain injury) so make 'em stop with a flirty face or power pose — and yes, pouting does work, girls, as long as you've got the lips for it.

## Bio: Peppy, not prosaic

On a site where the sole focus is on the superficial, a lengthy bio can seem kind

of useless. Keep it down to a few helpful hints about you — but don't expect the furious finger flicker to take any notice of it. Girls: If you're tall (above 5 foot 10 inches), include your height, unless you're after a Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes situation. Lastly, any quirky facts (burlesque dancer) or particular passions can be a great way to start a convo.

## Openers: Don't come on too strong

Unless you're a condemned man, don't profess your love over Tinder. Conversely, save the dirty talk for a hookup site. You're not talking to a sex-crazed avatar, so kick off with something that you might actually say to a real person, like, "Hi, how are you? What did you do over the weekend?"

## Seal the deal: Get that date down

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friends on Facebook. That way, the potential love interest can get an idea of your social life and decide whether he or she wants to be part of your torture dungeon weekend (or whatever the plan is).

## Tinder talk: Learn the lingo

Men are "Timmen," women are "Tindettes" and "blueing" means you've got a match.



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### Tinder 101

- It's a dating app, not a sex app.
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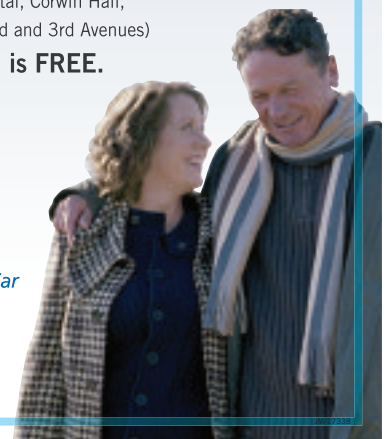
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To sponsor a meal, visit [www.glwd.org/celebratewithaplate](http://www.glwd.org/celebratewithaplate).

# Your Thanksgiving dinner can benefit NYC's neediest

**Do good.** Make your meal go a little further.

In a city of feasts and festivals and dining options by the hundreds, there are sadly far too many people who spend the holidays hungry. In an effort to raise money and awareness of our fellow New Yorkers in need, here are some local eateries with underprivileged diners in mind this Thanksgiving. Read on and support the causes.

## Bubby's

**120 Hudson St.,  
212-219-0666  
73 Gansevoort,  
212-206-6200**

At both the Tribeca location and its new spot near the High Line, Bubby's is doing Thanksgiving dinner. On Thanksgiving night, it's pay what you want (\$60 suggested) with 25 percent of proceeds going to NYC Rescue Mission, which provides food and

shelter to those in need. The comfort food eateries are serving up family-style turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, candied yams, Brussels sprouts, ambrosia and an assortment of pies, plus house-made sodas.

## Swine

**531 Hudson St.,  
212-255-7675**

West Village's Swine is getting into the Thanksgiving spirit early with a Gobble & Give dinner on Monday, Nov. 18, to benefit FeedingNYC, which delivers Thanksgiving dinners to families in need throughout the city. Seatings for the four-course meal are at 6 and 9 p.m. and include wine pairings. Tickets are \$100, with \$25 from every ticket going to FeedingNYC.

## Sons of Essex

**133 Essex St.,  
212-674-7100**

Since Nov. 1, Sons of Essex



Calories don't count when they're for charity right? Try one of Bubby's pies. / WILLIAM SHEAR PHOTOGRAPHY

has been collecting clothing and nonperishable food for a holiday drive for the Bowery Mission, a charity that has been serving homeless and hungry New Yorkers since 1879. Guests who bring items for donation will receive a ticket redeemable for a free cocktail or free appe-

tizer at the Lower East Side restaurant.

## Refinery Hotel

**63 W. 38th St.,  
646-664-0310**

At midtown's Refinery Hotel, guests and patrons are invited to make a wish

by tossing a coin into its rooftop fountain. Coins collected for the month of November will be donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation in time for Thanksgiving.

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## Your favorite places to get in on the spirit

### Fresh & Co.

The day before Thanksgiving, fast-casual eatery Fresh & Co. is hosting a soup kitchen at its downtown location near Astor Place (729 Broadway). There, employees from their nine locations will join some of Fresh & Co.'s farm and food partners to give away meals to the homeless in conjunction with its charity partner, Friends of Karen. You're invited to help serve and deliver to those in need.

### Waldorf Astoria

**301 Park Ave.,  
212-355-3000**

Chef David Garcelon and the culinary team at the Waldorf Astoria New York have a strong partnership with nearby St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. Chef Garcelon volunteers there weekly and this year the chef and a small team are putting



Gramercy Tavern boasts good cooks and good do-ers. / PROVIDED

on a turkey dinner for 200 people the day after Thanksgiving.

### Olio Pizza e Piu

**3 Greenwich Ave.,  
212-243-6546**

This year, the Italian spot will be donating pizzas to serve about 250 people on Thanksgiving to Sylvia's Place Shelter of Manhat-

tan, NYC's only emergency shelter for LGBTQ youth.

### Brother Jimmy's

**181 Lexington Ave.,  
212-779-7427**

On Thanksgiving, Brother Jimmy's BBQ will be handing out 1,000 pulled pork sandwiches (plus a side of mashed potatoes and a bottle of water), begin-

ning at noon until the food runs out.

### Gramercy Tavern

**42 E. 20th St.,  
212-477-0777**

Team GT will participate in the Race to Deliver, an annual 4K in Central Park that raises money for God's Love We Deliver. Last year,

they raised the second highest amount, and this year they are aiming for the No. 1 slot with a goal of more than \$20,000.

### Potatopia

**378 Avenue of the Americas, 212-260-4100**

The newcomer will be donating 1,000 potatoes to the New York Dream Center's annual Set the Table event, which provides Thanksgiving meals to needy New Yorkers. Last year, the Dream Center distributed 600 meals, and this year they hope to expand on that total.

### Pret A Manger

Last year, Pret established the Pret Foundation, with the goal of alleviating hunger and homelessness. As part of this effort, all of the remaining food at the end of each day is

donated to local charities. This year, for the holidays, Pret developed the Holiday Lunch sandwich, made with antibiotic-free roasted turkey, nut roast stuffing, cranberry sauce, crispy onions, spinach, mayo and black pepper on granary bread. For every Holiday Lunch sandwich purchased (through January), Pret donates 50 cents to the Pret Foundation, which directly benefits City Harvest.

### Epicurean Group

The folks behind dell'anima, L'Apicio, L'Artusi and Anfora are donating 500 pies to City Harvest and reaching out to other restaurant friends to make that number even higher. Once they meet their goal, City Harvest will distribute the treats to hungry New Yorkers at their holiday mobile market in the Bronx on Nov. 26.

**MEREDITH ENGEL**



## Restaurant news and notes



The Brew Inn is ready for its closeup. / PROVIDED

## Dig in at the Inn

"Top Chef" alums Jeffrey McInnis & Janine Booth are celebrating the opening of The Brew Inn, a new Greenpoint gastropub at 924 Manhattan Ave., with a \$65 nine-course pop-up dinner these next two Fridays and Saturdays. Seatings at 7 and 9:15 p.m. are available; for tickets visit [www.rootnbone.com](http://www.rootnbone.com).

## Restaurant openings

## Bea

**403 W. 43rd St.,  
212-602-1910**  
Asian-tinged tapas and specialty cocktails can be found the former Le Madeleine space.

## Louie &amp; Chan

**303 Broome St.,  
212-837-2816**

This LES hybrid Italian/Chinese restaurant also boasts a music lounge.

## Dimes

**143 Division St.,  
212-240-9410**  
Healthy breakfast and lunch options — acai bowl, anyone? — are now available in this tiny nook; dinner should be rolling out next month.

## WiBar

**LaGuardia Airport,  
Delta Terminal C**  
Stuck at LaGuardia? De-stress with a glass of vino — more than 100 are on the menu — and some small plates.

Davio's  
Northern Italian  
Steakhouse

**451 Lexington Ave.,  
212-661-4810**

The Philly mainstay, offering regional Italian with an emphasis on grilled items, opens today across from Grand Central.

## Mo' Movember

## Eat Like A Man

Over at Metro, November is synonymous with Movember, the annual fundraising effort for men's cancers that finds dudes across the world growing serious 'staches. Whip up our Cocktail of the Week (below), and hit NIOS restaurant (130 W. 46th St., 212-484-2999) this Tuesday for its second annual Eat Like A Man competition, which pits a manly dish from NIOS chef Jarett Brodie against one from D.C.'s Daniel Bortnick. Vote for your fave, and stay for the five-course dinner. Seats are \$100, with \$20 going to the Movember cause.

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## Cocktail

Celebrate  
the 'stache

This Movember, whether you're sprouting peach fuzz or a Ron Swanson — or just loving the guys who do — toast the effort with a MOTineez cocktail.

## Ingredients

1½ oz. Aviation American Gin  
¾ oz. Martini and Rossi Sweet Vermouth  
¾ oz. Vida Mezcal  
1 dash Bittermen's Hellfire Shrub  
1 dash Dr. Elmgirab's Boker's Bitters

## Directions

In a mixing glass add spirits and mixers. Fill with ice and stir for 20 seconds. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a wide lemon disc or peel.



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**What's an easy chocolate dish that home cooks can make?**

It helps when you're making dessert or a treat for yourself to have a really great ganache in your fridge. For the easiest chocolate mousse in the world, start by making ganache. Use equal parts chocolate and heavy cream. Heat the cream, then pour over chocolate in a bowl and stir together. Allow the ganache to come to room temperature. Then, fold in barely whipped cream that has a tablespoon (or two) of brandy. If you start stirring the ganache cream mixture with a whisk, you will tighten the mixture and incorporate more air. Pour it into a bowl and chill before serving. It's a perfect mousse that you can add berries to.

# The woman behind the bald man

**Hot Chef.** Katzie Guy-Hamilton is whipping up sweets at Max Brenner.

For the record, Max Brenner — whose sweets emporium boasts "chocolate by the bald man" — is not a real person. But Katzie Guy-Hamilton is. She's the one coming up with the ooey-gooey deliciousness you've likely indulged in at Max Brenner. After a stint in NYC's Grand Hyatt, Guy-Hamilton became the brand's first-ever director of Food & Beverage, playing the role of that mythical bald man since January.

**Sweet job — how'd you land it?**

Max Brenner historically has always been a little off-center. They love chocolate and the company has a lot of fun. I would say that I like to think of desserts and sweets in the same way, where I want to have fun with what I do. I don't want to call myself a little off center, but the reality is, I am. [Laughs]

**What menu items are you most excited about these days?**

Something that we just launched we call the crepe pasta. It encourages you to play with a crepe in a different way. It's a crepe with our melted chocolate, cold chocolate ganache and different fruits. There's a lot of texture and fun going on. At the end of the day it resembles pasta but it's delicious like dessert. We try and not be kitschy per se, we want you to just have fun. Another that I absolutely adore and I grew up with is fried dough. It's not zeppole, it's not funnel cake, but it's literally dough doused in chocolate, drizzled with toffee and filled with ice cream. You have to share

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"I have a sweet tooth and I know that it can be set off very easily," says Guy-Hamilton. / LYNDON MARCEAU

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it with people. That's kind of where my mind goes — where it's not neat and clean and I really want you to lick your fingers.

**What about savory foods?**

We do have four chocolate bar restaurants and we're growing but we understand that people want to eat, as well. Do you put chocolate on everything that you make or do you separate it? That's a question we constantly ask ourselves. Not everything

Quoted

**"You don't want to force chocolate on everything if it truly doesn't belong."**

Guy-Hamilton

that's on the savory side has to have chocolate, [but] it always points to it. That's the angle to which I try to stick. You don't want to force chocolate on everything if it truly doesn't belong. Our burger is so delicious and I don't feel that it needs chocolate, but I can't wait to have chocolate after I eat it. That's kind of the way I feel.



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## Elysian Brewing's Dick Cantwell Book Signing, Brewing and Lecture

Thursday, 4 p.m.  
Bitter & Esters,  
700 Washington Ave.,  
Prospect Heights  
Free, 917-596-7261  
[www.bitterandesters.com](http://www.bitterandesters.com)  
Elysian Brewing co-founder Dick Cantwell just released the second edition of "The Brewer's Association Guide to Starting Your Own Brewery," and he'll be signing the book, answering questions and brewing a very special pale ale for your consumption.

## Eyewear Care and Repair Party

Thursday, 5 p.m.  
The Monocle Order,  
5 Devoe St., Williamsburg  
Free, 866-238-7963  
[www.monocleorder.com](http://www.monocleorder.com)  
Tired of the same old boring keg parties with loud music, rowdy drunks and annoying social expectations? Here's something new: Food, booze and eyeglasses! Stop by with your broken spectacles for a free repair and a beer, talk with an optician and even receive a free pupillary distance measurement. Ain't no party like a pupillary distance party.

## Ask Roulette

Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Housing Works Bookstore,  
126 Crosby St.  
Free, 212-334-3324  
[www.askroulette.net](http://www.askroulette.net)  
Join Kurt Anderson, Negin Farsad and Jody Avirgan as they pair you with a complete stranger to ask any question you want. Come prepared with a question and be ready to answer questions yourself. It's like chat roulette without the risk of seeing creepy naked people ... maybe.

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## Cat Power Plays Acoustic

Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Brooklyn Masonic Temple,  
317 Clermont Ave., Fort Greene

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Kim Gordon's going to make some noise. / GETTY IMAGES

## Benefit Honoring Kim Gordon

Thursday, 8 p.m.  
Issue Project Room, 22 Boerum Pl., Brooklyn Heights, \$35, 718-330-0313; [www.issueprojectroom.org](http://www.issueprojectroom.org)  
For the final night of Issue Project Room's 10-year anniversary/benefit, Kim Gordon, singer, instrumentalist, artist and founder of Sonic Youth, will be honored. She'll be collaborating with painter, writer and musician Jutta Koether as well as the group I.U.D., which is Lizzi Bougatsos (Gang Gang Dance) and Sadie Laska (Growing).

\$40, 718-638-1256  
[www.catpowermusic.com](http://www.catpowermusic.com)  
Cat Power is playing a very stripped-down set in support of her first album in six years, 2012's "Sun." Fresh off an exciting performance dedicated to Elliot Smith at Glasslands last month, the singer-songwriter is ready to wow Brooklyn audiences again.

FILM

## DOC NYC 2013

Thursday through Nov. 21  
IFC Center,  
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\$17, 212-924-7771  
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## Snow Crab Festival Comes to Brooklyn

Sunday, Noon  
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## Auditions for 'America's Got Talent'

Saturday-Nov. 17, 8 a.m.  
Mercedes Benz of Manhattan, 536 W. 41st St.; Free,  
212-629-1600; [www.agtauditions.com](http://www.agtauditions.com)  
Think you got what it takes to be America's next top something or other? Can you walk on your ears and ingest food through your hair? Maybe you do the Macarena better than the girls in the Los del Rio video? Well, here's your chance to prove it.

FOOD + DRINK

## Cheers to Chocolate

Nov. 19, 7 p.m.  
AYZA Wine & Chocolate Bar, 1 Seventh Ave.  
\$65, 212-365-2992, [www.ayzanyc.com](http://www.ayzanyc.com)  
Chef Jacques Torres, Mr. Chocolate himself, stops by AYZA for a night of chocolate and wine delight. The former pastry chef for Le Cirque will be sharing 10 of his mouthwatering chocolate truffles paired with five different wines, plus a lesson on entertaining to prepare you for the coming holidays.



Jacques Torres wants to feed you. / GETTY IMAGES

crab leg that is, at the all-you-can-eat, all-you-can-drink Snow Crab Festival. There'll also be corn and potatoes, plus live music.

## 20th Annual Upper East Side Charity Bar Tour

Saturday, 1 p.m.  
Mad River Bar & Grill,  
1442 Third Ave.  
\$10, 212-988-1832  
[www.madrivergrille.com](http://www.madrivergrille.com)  
Bar hopping for a good cause! Meet up at Mad River Bar & Grill, where each guest is expected to bring at least two cans of food for donation to City Harvest. You'll then receive a wristband for \$2 domestic beers, \$4 mixed drinks and food and shot specials at seven different bars. You didn't really plan to not drink this Saturday anyway, right?

## Thanksgiving Food & Wine Workshop

Saturday, 1 p.m.  
Bottlerocket Wine & Spirit,  
5 W. 19th St.  
\$20, 212-929-2323  
[www.bottlerocket.com](http://www.bottlerocket.com)  
What red or white pairs best with turkey? Bottlerocket will show you the way. Make a reservation on the website and receive \$10 off any wine you purchase. Net proceeds will be donated to City Harvest.

## The Brooklyn Chili Takedown

Nov. 17, 2 p.m.  
The Bell House,  
149 Seventh St., Gowanus  
\$15, 718-643-6510  
[www.thebellhouseeny.com](http://www.thebellhouseeny.com)

With November comes chilly weather, and what's the best way to get rid of that chill? How about a bowl of chili — or 30? Taste up to 30 varieties and vote for your fave. If you leave hungry, there's something wrong with you.

## Soup Bowl Fundraiser at Eat

Nov. 17, 3 p.m.  
Eat,  
124 Meserole Ave., Greenpoint  
\$25, 718-389-8083  
[www.eatgreenpoint.com](http://www.eatgreenpoint.com)  
The entry fee gets you a locally handmade ceramic soup bowl with some hot soup from The Splendid Spoon, a Brooklyn Brewery beer and the lovely atmosphere at Eat. One hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Greenpoint Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen.

## Wino Bingo

Nov. 20, 8 p.m.  
Brooklyn Winery,  
213 N. Eighth St., Williamsburg  
\$5-\$18, 347-763-1506  
[www.bkwinery.com](http://www.bkwinery.com)  
Old McWino had a game and bingo was its name-o. Join in the fun for a chance to win prizes from Brooklyn Winery. Bingo's always better when you're buzzed.  
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## Horoscope

**♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.** Learn all you can. What you observe will spark your imagination, allowing you to come up with bold concepts.

**♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.** Interesting alternatives will arise at home. Don't let someone pressure you into passing on an opportunity that you want to pursue.

**♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.** Offer an unusual solution at work, and you will gain respect. Expect someone's insecurity to cause friction. Handle this person with care.

**♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.** Don't let someone dictate your options. You have to be your own boss. If you want to remain emotionally sound, make a change.

**♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.** Take on a challenge and show everyone how adaptable you are. Your ideas will spark interest in you. Partnerships are favored.

**♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.** You'll have trouble making up your mind between work and an interesting acquaintance. Tread carefully, assume nothing and don't step on anyone's toes.

**♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.** Fix up your place and prepare to entertain. Time with friends will bring out the best in you and will encourage interesting offers that brighten your day.

**♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.** Before someone forces you, you need to initiate change. Taking control will give you the upper hand and leave you some room.

**♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.** Volatile emotions will surface if you think someone is taking advantage of you. Put more emphasis on the projects you are working on.

**♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.** Tread carefully. Not everyone will agree with the choices you make. Get as much accomplished as possible.

**♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Interacting with others will lead to a give-and-take, with a positive plan resulting. Romance should be on your mind.

**♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.** Problems at home or in a relationship can be expected. Listen to any complaints being made, but don't give in to unrealistic demands. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

## Sudoku: Easy and hard

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		3	1					
2				7	6		3	9
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		8				3		
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				7	8			
	4				2		5	

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				8				9
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**How to play**  
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Crossword

## Across

1 Andes capital  
6 Quibble  
11 FBI counterpart  
14 Dry run  
15 Bauxite giant  
16 Outstanding  
17 Icky  
18 Leniency  
19 Convene  
20 Baseball honorees  
22 Many times  
24 Fond of arguing  
28 Jet-set locale  
30 Solar —  
31 Gung-ho  
32 Vexes  
33 Ignorant of  
36 Vocalist — Sumac  
37 Less modern  
38 Oomph  
40 Not liable  
43 Track down  
45 Scot character  
46 Leafed out  
47 Chamomile infusion (2 wds.)  
50 Dairy cattle  
51 Of the hipbone  
52 Disappear gradually  
53 Scale notes  
54 Comfy-cozy  
57 Bounce

## Down

62 Irritate  
63 Perrier rival  
64 Large slipknott  
65 Utter  
66 Beatrice's admirer  
67 Links champ Sam —  
1 OJ purchases  
2 Web addr.  
3 Square root of IX  
4 Jaunty lid  
5 Mount of the gods  
6 Funky  
7 Porter and stout  
8 TV adjunct  
9 Winter Games grp.  
10 Travel stop  
11 Hindu social class  
12 More remote  
13 Insurance giant  
21 CEO aides  
23 Flat-needed trees  
24 Frisky  
25 Usual weather  
26 Loaf around  
27 Guitar, slangily  
28 Talked wildly  
29 Disney's Bob —  
31 Concluded  
33 Ne plus —  
34 Circumvent  
35 Uncertain

37 Aunt Bee's nephew  
39 Docs prescribe them  
41 Isle off Sicily  
42 Equaled  
43 Soup servers  
44 Hwys.  
46 Sleeper's need  
47 Platter players (hyph.)  
48 A moon of Jupiter  
49 Dangerous  
50 Mansfield of the movies  
52 Hero's deed  
55 Caviar, actually  
56 Hr. part  
58 Voight of film  
59 Nondiscriminatory hirer abbr.  
60 1860s initials  
61 Danson or Kennedy

## Yesterday's answer



## Letters

## The buck stops with Congress

**Re: 'Are visits to the vet covered?' (Metro, Nov. 13)** Apparently, Metro reader Arthur Horn has forgotten one of the most basic facts of government: The president DOES NOT make all of the decisions. The president doesn't even make most of the decisions. CONGRESS does. What is Congress? The House and Senate. Though the president may be able to introduce ideas, wants and wishes, CONGRESS makes the edits and votes to pass bills/laws. It's not about the commander-in-chief lying, it's about the overall decision not being his. Want to blame someone? Blame Congress, not the obvious fall guy.

**D'AVA NEWMAN, VIA EMAIL**

What does it say about a government that gives free health care to illegals — no questions asked — politicians, inmates in prisons and veterans (well-deserved). Then when it's time

for the working class to get health-care, we are thrown into a whirlpool of red tape.

**MIKE MACE, VIA EMAIL**

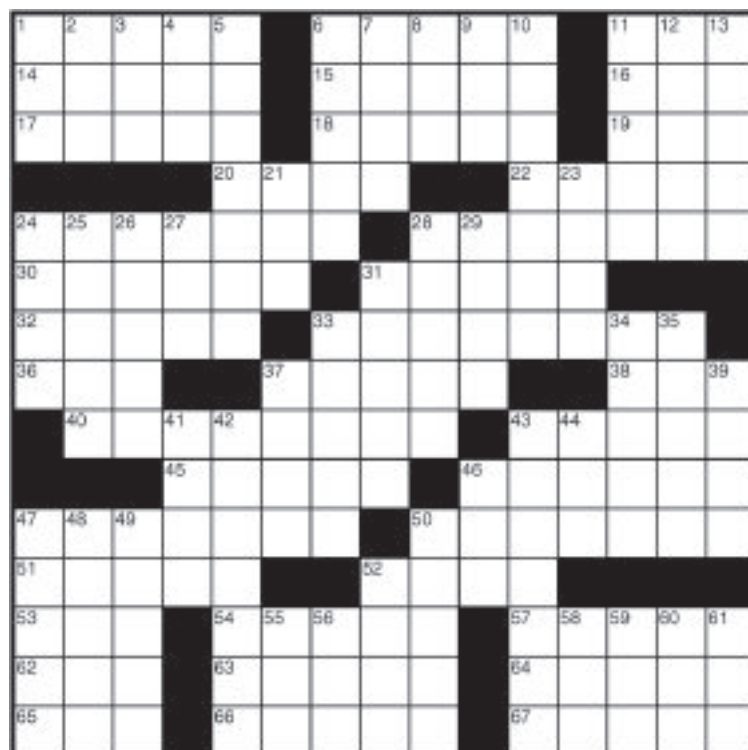
## Think of the children and recycle

Forty or 50 years into the environmental movement, and you still see people contemptuously discarding their trash on our streets and sidewalks. Make the small effort to hold on to that coffee cup until you get to a proper trash can. Especially at this time of the year, when plastic waste can get mixed with leaves and composted, causing disastrous effects to the ecosystem. Do it for the little ones — do they deserve to inherit a world whose soil, water and food supply are irrevocably contaminated?

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# Giants catch break missing out on Rodgers

**NFL.** Big Blue is saying the right things as they promise not to overlook Packers QB Scott Tolzien.

The Giants have a three-game winning streak and a little luck on their side.

Green Bay's All-Pro quarterback Aaron Rodgers is still recovering from an injured collarbone and his backup, Seneca Wallace, is out for the year with an injured groin, which means the next man up is third-string quarterback Scott Tolzien.

But even though a one-time practice squad player will be leading the Packers (5-4) into MetLife Stadium in a pivotal matchup for both teams, the Giants (3-6) refuse to show any bravado.

"We'll play the game like we always play the game and execute the game like we always execute the game. It doesn't matter [who's under center]," said defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul. "Sure, Aaron Rodgers makes a big difference but you don't know what this new quarterback can do. We haven't watched much film on him yet. We just have to study him up."



Tolzien played at Wisconsin and was on the Packers' practice squad. / GETTY IMAGES

## Quoted

**"Regardless of who we're playing against, it still comes down to what we do. If we go out there and play our style, it shouldn't matter who we play."**

Justin Tuck, Giants defensive end  
On the difficulties of facing the little-known Scott Tolzien

Pierre-Paul, who sat out Wednesday's practice with a bum shoulder, already deemed himself out for Thursday's session and is uncertain about his availability on

Sunday.

As for guys who are definitely playing, they agree with Pierre-Paul in not taking the undermanned Packers lightly. Bookend defensive end Justin Tuck said the main reason for that is the ability of Green Bay's head coach Mike McCarthy to construct a solid game plan, regardless of who takes the snaps.

"Coach Mike McCarthy isn't going to change much. I don't think he changed much even when Seneca got hurt," Tuck said. "The new quarterback [Tolzien] came in and still ran that offense pretty good [280 yards with one touchdown and two picks]. He may not be as accurate as Aaron is, but he still made some pretty good throws and still did a lot of good things against a quality opponent [in the Eagles]."

Tuck was asked if he ever gives any thought to what other teams go through in regards to losing their franchise quarterback to injury and the ripple effect it has on a team. Giants QB Eli Manning has played in 146 straight games.

The chatty defensive end shook his head and replied, "No, but thanks for the jinx."

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## Reed in the wings



Reed had just 16 tackles in seven games as he dealt with injuries this season in Houston. / GETTY IMAGES

## Ryan would sign Reed, but deal unlikely

With Tuesday's release of Ed Reed by the Texans, the Jets have discussed the possibility of bringing in the nine-time Pro Bowl safety, head coach Rex Ryan said Wednesday. But that doesn't mean a signing is imminent, let alone likely.

A team source, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said that Reed "likely isn't in the team's plans at this juncture. Not saying no, but not likely to happen."

The Jets theoretically could sign Reed to shore up their secondary, but Ryan wouldn't divulge on Wednesday about any internal conversations he's had with general manager John Idzik about bringing in the veteran safety.

"If we did, I'd keep that conversation private and all that type of stuff," Ryan said. "Part of the due diligence if you've coached a player, I'm sure you'd want that input. Did we have [a conversation]? Safe to say, yes."

Reed, who played under Ryan when he was the defensive coordinator with the Ravens, has said in the past how much he enjoyed playing for him.

Ryan was unaware if the discussion with Idzik went beyond an exploratory conversation and if the player will be signed.

"I'll tell you this, you might want to check upstairs if they put in a waiver," Ryan said. "This is the honest truth, my focus is on this football team ... and that's exactly where it is. If we've picked [him] up or not, I've not been informed of this." KRISTIAN DYER

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## SPORTS



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## Bowe to play for Chiefs

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Dez Bryant saw two targets in Week 10 and is averaging just 6.3 targets per game over the last three weeks. It's criminal and the Cowboys know it. They head into their bye pledging to find ways to



Victor Cruz could very well break out in the next few weeks.  
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get Dez off double coverage and more involved, likely via some new formation wrinkles and plays. The Weeks 12-16 schedule (at the Giants, vs. the Raiders, at the Bears, vs. the Packers, at the Redskins) is as good as it gets. Take advantage

of this lull from Bryant and buy low.

## Rowdy Roddy

Playing for the first time since Week 5, Roddy White had just one catch for 20 yards while facing

Richard Sherman and the Seahawks last week. Still, the signs were good. He played on 95 percent of snaps and came out healthy. White will be a poor bet to break out against Darrelle Revis this week, but the schedule softens up in a big way. With Julio Jones (foot) out for the year and Tony Gonzalez (toe) hobbled, White will be a target monster.

## Cruzing USA

Victor Cruz doesn't have a 100-yard game or a touchdown since Week 4, leaving owners in a tizzy. Pounce. With the running game springing back to life under Andre Brown, Cruz will find more space. Plus, he gets to face the Packers, Cowboys, Redskins and Chargers over the next four weeks. None are ranked in the Top 20 in pass defense.

## NFL pickups

Keep these names in mind if you are looking to tweak your fantasy football roster.

- **Brian Leonard, RB, Buccaneers** — A more complete back than Bobby Rainey, Leonard will be a featured player going forward.
- **Rishard Matthews, WR, Dolphins** — Miami throws to the slot a ton because their offensive line can't protect.

## Match game

Be sure to start these wideouts this week.

- **Harry Douglas, Falcons** — Expect Darrelle Revis to shadow a healthy Roddy White, leaving Douglas to feast out of the slot.
- **Hakeem Nicks, Giants** — Looking healthier of late, Nicks would have gone off against the Raiders if Eli Manning needed him to.

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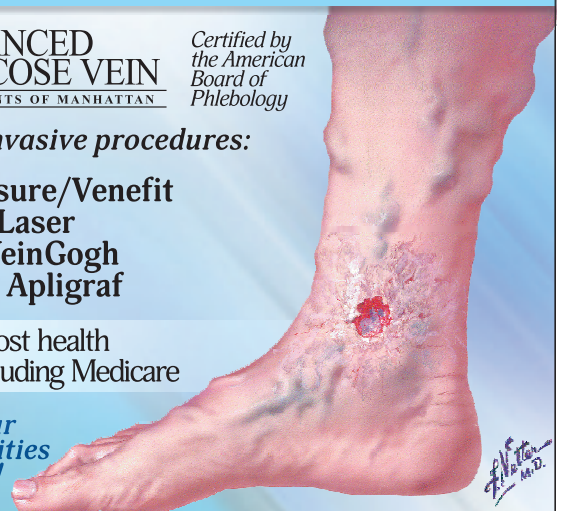
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# Kershaw, Scherzer take home Cy Young

**MLB.** The Dodgers ace won for the second time, while in the AL, the Tigers starter won his first.

Wins mattered in the American League, but for National League voters the other categories carried significantly more weight.

Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw nearly unanimously won the NL Cy Young Award, finishing with 29 of 30 first-place votes and 207 points.

"This is such a cool thing; I can't even really explain what it means to me," Kershaw said during MLB Network's award presentation. "More than anything, I think this is really a team award. You go see the guys that have put so much work in with me. I'm not always the easiest to deal with during a baseball game, so guys like [catcher] A.J. Ellis, [pitching coach] Rick Honeycutt, [manager Don Mattingly], guys like that.

"This award is a full-spectrum thing, and I just couldn't be more excited. This is a really cool thing for me."

The Cardinals' Adam Wainwright placed second with 86 points, getting the other first-place vote from a Cincinnati writer. NL Rookie of the Year Jose Fernandez of the Marlins finished third with 62 points.

Mets ace Matt Harvey finished in a tie for fourth



Kershaw has been in the top three in voting three straight years. / GETTY IMAGES

## Quoted

**"Sometimes when you have a runaway season, there's a good chance [of you] being the runaway winner of an award."**

Jack O'Connell, BBWAA  
On Max Scherzer winning the AL Cy Young Award

with 39 points.

Kershaw won 16 games but led the league with a 1.83 ERA, a 0.91 WHIP and 232 strikeouts. He also pitched in 16 games where the Dodgers scored two runs or fewer and also dominated the advanced statistics.

Kershaw won the award for the second time

in three years. He won the ERA title two years ago and finished with 27 of 32 first-place votes to beat out Roy Halladay.

The 25-year-old also became the first left-handed pitcher to win it multiple times since Randy Johnson won four straight (1999-2002). He also is the first pitcher to win the NL ERA title in three straight seasons since Greg Maddux (1993-95), though two of those seasons were impacted by the last baseball strike.

Max Scherzer was the only 20-game winner in the major leagues, and despite many who think that category has little value, there were not many voting for the AL Cy Young Award who agreed.

As a result Scherzer was

named the Cy Young winner, becoming the second Tigers pitcher in three years to do so.

"It's amazing," Scherzer said. "You can speculate, whatever you want. To actually be named it, it's unbelievable. It just vindicates everything I've done and I can't say thank you enough to all my teammates for busting their butts every single day, fighting on defense and getting those extra runs for me because I think that helped my candidacy."

Justin Verlander unanimously won the award two years ago and Scherzer came close, getting 28 of 30 first-place votes.

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## Davis a goner?

### Report: Mets likely to trade slugger Davis

Mets general manager Sandy Alderson has freely admitted the team has a logjam at first base for the foreseeable future. According to ESPN, something might be done soon to change that.

Reports indicate the team is looking to trade first baseman Ike Davis this offseason. That would open the first base job for Lucas Duda or possibly Wilmer Flores.

Davis hit just nine home runs and batted .205 in 103 games last season, but did appear headed toward stardom just a couple of years ago. He hit 32 homers in 2012, though he got off to a terrible start that season as well. The team may also be looking to shop Daniel Murphy.

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### Knicks could deal Shumpert for Faried

As the Knicks sleepwalk through the early part of the season, the franchise appears to be looking to create a spark.

According to multiple reports, the Knicks are discussing trading shooting guard Iman Shumpert for Nuggets forward Kenneth Faried.

Faried would give the Knicks the toughness inside it sorely lacks, especially with Tyson Chandler out as much as two months with a leg injury.

Faried averaged 9.5 rebounds per game last season and is averaging 8.5 per game this season.

The Knicks have more depth on the perimeter, though Shumpert is clearly the best one-on-one defender. METRO

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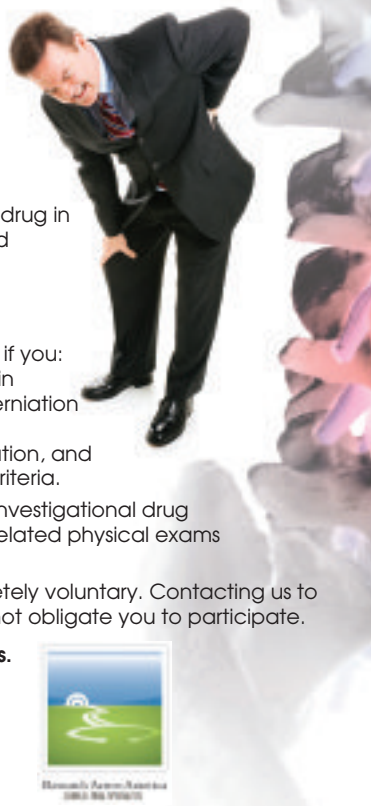
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